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We draw the attention of the Examiner to the attached references which are
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	AI	Derwent English Abstract No. 98-403089/35, Class W04, JP 10-161680 dated June 19, 1998
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	AM	Patent Abstracts of Japan of JP 2001-350482 dated December 21, 2001
	AN	Patent Abstracts of Japan of JP 07-271387 dated October 20, 1995
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